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Attention Class of 2020

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook.com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer.com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

Notice to readers

To reduce risks to our employees and community, the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot or called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer.com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmgini.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

Holcomb announces stages of reopening plan

Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions — who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus — should remain at home. Essential travel restrictions are lifted, and social gatherings of up to 25 people are permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. The remaining manufacturers, industrial and other infrastructure operations that had not been considered essential may open. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 50 percent capacity. Examples include apparel, furniture, jewelry and liquor stores that have been operating as curbside or delivery only. Shopping malls can open at 50 percent capacity with indoor common

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Museum receives two Indiana Humanities grants

Total of 35 nonprofits in state presented with more than \$85K in funds

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Schools, libraries and other organizations from Gary to Evansville recently received grants from Indiana Humanities for projects ranging from a four-hour reading of Shakespeare's sonnets to a program at an Indiana cemetery teaching fifth-graders about African Americans in the Civil

War, according to Kristen Fuhs Wells, vice president. From October 2019 to March 2020, Indiana Humanities awarded 20 Action Grants, 12 Historic Preservation Education Grants and three INcommon Grants. The Wabash County Museum was awarded two of these grants.

Action Grant
Action Grants offer up

to \$3,000 to support nonprofit organizations that sponsor public humanities programs such as exhibitions, workshops, lectures and reading and discussion programs.

The Wabash County Museum was awarded a \$2,700 Action Grant for their "Explore Home Program Series."

"The Wabash County Museum will collaborate

with the Wabash Carnegie Library to present a series of programming around the theme 'Explore Home,' which ties into Indiana Humanities' statewide read of 'The Year We Left Home.' Grant funds will support a speaker's series, children's book events, a "then and now" exhibition and other activities," stated Wells.

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Woman's Clubhouse calls off last scheduled luncheon of the season



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Co-emcee Steve Brubaker, left, began the trivia contest during the October luncheon at the Woman's Clubhouse.

Group hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June, stated Ellen Stouffer, third vice president of the club, in a statement to the Plain Dealer on Tuesday.

"Because most of our

members are older, we just decided to not meet. Our president is just very cautious," stated Stouffer.

In addition to canceling the last scheduled luncheon and program of the season, which was set for June 9, the group will also not meet for its originally scheduled May 12 luncheon.

"We look forward to

sending you the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for our new year," stated Stouffer.

Stouffer stated they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September.

Stouffer stated anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call her at 260-571-5339.

"We need a volunteer to take over membership organization," she stated. "We are looking forward to seeing you all back in September."

For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

Indiana American Water implements the second step of water increase

New rates effective
for all water service
provided after May 1

STAFF REPORT

Indiana American Water announced it has implemented the second step of a two-step rate increase approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in June 2019 for the company's water customers across the state, according to Joe Loughmiller, spokesperson.

The new rates are effective for all water services provided to Indiana American Water customers after May 1.

Indiana American Water's rates are based on the true costs of providing water service as reviewed by the IURC. The impact for most of the company's residential customers using 4,000 gallons of water each month was approximately 34 cents per month (0.96

percent) after step 1 went into effect in July 2019, and an additional \$2.22 per month (6.3 percent) with the step 2 increase now in effect.

The phased approach to implementing new rates results in a 7.9 percent overall increase in operating water revenues for the company. The increases approved by the IURC were implemented in two steps, with the first increase of 1.99 percent effective July 1, 2019, and a second increase that became effective on May 1 of 5.79 percent.

Prior to this request, the company last filed for new rates through a general rate filing in January 2014 and received an order from the IURC in January 2015.

The rate change also includes a one-time adjustment to customers reflecting the amount collected in revenues after the Tax Cuts and Job Acts (TCJA) of 2017. The adjustment will

be spread out over a twelve-month period as a detailed credit to any amounts due each month. The credit for the typical residential customer will total \$19.26, or approximately \$1.60 per month for one year. The actual amount of the credit depends on number of factors, including

meter size, whether the customer was paying a fire protection surcharge during the time the tax was collected, and current usage. The TCJA also resulted in a previous rate decrease of 4.4

percent effective on Aug. 1, 2018.

"Indiana American Water's ongoing infrastructure investments are the primary driver behind the increase," stated Loughmiller.

The company included more than \$542 million of water infrastructure investments in a request filed in September 2018 to

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Diocese of Fort Wayne- South Bend to lift public liturgy suspension

Re-opening
planned for May 23
and 24, 'but with strict
safety precautions'

STAFF REPORT

"After much consultation" and following directives from Gov. Eric Holcomb's "Back on Track" Roadmap to Safely Reopen Indiana, Bishop Kevin Rhoades has decided to lift the suspension on public liturgies in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend beginning Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, "the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord," according to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications.

At the same time, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will continue for all Catholics in the diocese through Aug. 15, "at which point it

will be re-evaluated."

"Bishop Rhoades is requiring all parishes to observe social distancing within churches and on parish property, as a most effective means to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, so Mass attendance will necessarily be limited. Because churches differ in size and seating capacity, each parish pastor will decide how to handle the number of people who can attend any given liturgy according to the social distancing requirements. Congregants in attendance must also wear face masks at liturgies," stated Simerman. "Additionally, First Holy Communion Masses can be celebrated during the weekend of May 17 and 18 only for First Communicants and their families, observing the above-mentioned requirements."

For more information, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

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CASE

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Dealer request Thursday.

Craft stated the test they were using was a nasopharyngeal swab test, “which is a common test for COVID-19.”

“After the individual is swabbed, the test kit is delivered to our testing partners for processing and they inform us of the results. Once we receive those results, we share the information with the individual and report the data to all appropriate public health officials as required by law,” he stated.

Statewide figures

On Thursday, the ISDH announced that 650 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 22,503 the total number of Indiana residents

known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s total.

While the number of cases has increased, intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Wednesday, 42 percent of ICU beds and about 80 percent of ventilators were available at hospitals throughout the state.

A total of 1,295 Hoosiers have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, an increase of 31 over the previous day. Another 119 probable deaths have been reported. Probable deaths are those for which a physician listed COVID-19 as a contributing cause based on X-rays, scans and other clinical symptoms but for which no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 124,782 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 120,496 on Wednesday.

day.

Marion County had the most new cases, at 186. Other counties with more than 10 new cases were Allen (26), Cass (29), Elkhart (27), Greene (31), Hamilton (12), Henry (11), Jackson (32), Johnson (11), LaPorte (20), Lake (55), Madison (12), Porter (13), St. Joseph (15) and White (28). The Lake County totals include results from East Chicago and Gary, which have their own health departments.

To increase testing, 20 sites around the state are now open through a partnership with OptumServe. Individuals can register online at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1116. Clinics run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and an additional 30 testing sites will be announced by next week.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

GRANTS

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Historical Preservation Education Grant

Historic Preservation Education Grants, awarded in partnership with Indiana Landmarks, fund programs that educate Indiana citizens about historic places and properties – and particularly about the need to preserve and protect them.

Wells stated the grants provide up to \$2,500 for programs that come in a variety of formats – workshops, presentations, booklets, brochures, reading and discussion programs, exhibitions, film documentaries and more.

The Wabash County Museum was awarded a \$2,249 Historical Preservation Education Grant for their Historic Digital Walking Tours.

“The Wabash County Historical Society will re-create outdated paper-based historic walking guides, transitioning them into a new

digital format hosted on an app platform. As part of the revision, it will update photos and text for each of the three tours,” stated Wells.

Museum looks to reopening

In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday, Mitch Figert, Wabash County Museum president and CEO, stated they were planning a re-open to the public in late June or early July

“(We) are in the planning stages for how we will be modifying our programs,” he stated. “Thanks to the size of our facility we will be able to provide appropriate social distancing during programs and are also exploring the option of streaming the programs as well for patrons to enjoy from the safety of their homes. We will release more details once we have formalized plans.”

More grants available

INcommon Grants are awarded to Indiana nonprofits to develop and imple-

ment public programs that use the humanities to look at the longer histories driving contemporary debates around immigration, gentrification, incarceration, policing, institutional racism, the legacies of segregation in housing and education, and more. The grants offer up to \$5,000. The Indianapolis Foundation, a Central Indiana Community Foundation affiliate, provides funding for programs that take place in Marion County.

Wells stated applications for Action, INcommon and Historic Preservation Education Grants are accepted throughout the year.

“There are many grants still available in 2020,” stated Wells.

For more information about Indiana Humanities grant programs, contact George Hanlin by phone at 317-616-9784 or by email at ghanlin@indianahumanities.org.

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5-Day Weather Summary

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| Friday Few Showers 49 / 29 | Saturday Sunny 55 / 41 | Sunday Few Showers 52 / 38 | Monday Mostly Cloudy 50 / 39 | Tuesday Partly Cloudy 59 / 45 |
| Sun and Moon Today's sunset 8:52 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise 6:36 a.m. Last 5/14 New 5/22 First 5/29 Full 6/5 | | Detailed Local Outlook Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 49°, humidity of 40%. South southeast wind 6 to 23 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 29°. West northwest wind 2 to 21 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°. | | |

Coronavirus antibodies used in two new ways

DEAR DOCTOR: I heard on the news about a coronavirus medicine made with blood from people who were sick and got better. But my husband says it's actually a blood test to see if someone ever had the virus. Who's right?

DEAR READER: You and your husband are both correct. Two different uses for antibodies have recently been greenlit by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

You're referring to an experimental treatment that was approved on March 24 for very limited use. Your husband is talking about a quick and simple blood test approved by the FDA on April 2. The test, which is already in use in other parts of the world, reveals whether or not someone has been infected with the novel coronavirus. The treatment and the test each rely on antibodies, which are blood proteins that the immune system produces during and after its fight against a foreign invader, such as a virus or bacterium.

Let's start with the therapy you're asking about. It's based on the idea that, when introduced to antibodies used to fight a specific pathogen, a sick person's immune system will produce those very antibodies. This type of treatment has been in use since the 1890s for diseases such as polio, SARS, Ebola and the H1N1 flu. The idea of using it to treat COVID-19 arises from a very small pilot study – just six men and four women – recently conducted in three hospitals in China.

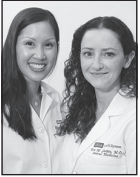
Each of the patients, who were gravely ill with COVID-19, received a single dose of antibodies gathered from the blood of patients who had recovered from the illness. According to the published research, the treatment resulted in improved oxygen levels and a shorter duration of symptoms in all 10 patients. Most improved within one to three days after receiving the antibodies. The patients also cleared the virus from their bodies more quickly than those who did not receive the treatment. This

sounds promising, but it's important to note that the FDA approval limits treatment to patients who are so ill that they have no other options, and to clinical trials.

The antibody test that your husband is referring to is much closer to a wide release. It uses a pinprick of blood and delivers results in about 15 minutes. Unlike the diagnostic test for COVID-19, which identifies genetic material from the virus itself, this test looks for the antibodies that will be present only if the body has already encountered and fought off the virus. This is valuable information on two fronts. First, widespread use of the antibody test will give scientists a clearer picture of the spread and reach of coronavirus infection in the U.S.

Just as important, the test hints at a potential path forward after the height of the epidemic has passed. People who have been exposed to the virus may have some degree of immunity, which would allow them to safely rejoin normal daily life. The challenge here is that, at this time, how much immunity is granted by prior infection, and how long that immunity may last, is not yet known.

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Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier Ask the Doctors

Community Marketing Grant

We are deeply committed to the community

The Wabash Plain Dealer has established a \$150,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at: https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/, click on the “How Do I?” tab and Apply for a “Matching Advertising Grant”. The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

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WEDNESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
06-10-16-18-42
Estimated jackpot: \$229,500
Cash4Life
09-17-21-25-34, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
03-06-09-12-19-39
Daily Three-Midday
4-1-8, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
1-3-8, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
9-4-0-8, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
9-2-8-5, SB: 9
Hoosier Lotto
01-02-24-32-37-40
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 million
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$231 million
Powerball
07-08-35-50-65, Powerball: 20
Power Play: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$59 million

THURSDAY'S METALS

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|---------------|----------|
| Aluminum..... | .65 |
| Copper..... | 2.36 |
| Lead..... | .73 |
| Zinc..... | .88 |
| Gold..... | 1,717.06 |
| Silver..... | 15.30 |
| Platinum..... | 764.25 |

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices
Thursday at Indianapolis-area elevators: Corn: \$3.10.
Soybeans: \$8.36.

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Michael D. Stephan

Sept. 24, 1968 – May 6, 2020



Michael D. Stephan, 51, of Tippecanoe, Indiana, passed away on May 6, 2020, at 5 a.m. at his home, in the loving care of his family and Hospice. Michael, the son of David and Mary (Mills) Stephan, was born on Sept. 24, 1968, in Huntington County, Indiana. Mike was a graduate of Huntington North High School, class of 1987. He graduated from Huntington University in 1991 with a degree in Biology. He married the love of his life, Sharon Bolin, on June 4th, 1988. Mike managed and was the Executive Director of the Potawatomi Wildlife Park for almost 29 years. He was a very active and well-loved member of the community and surrounding area. He had many hobbies and interests. Mike was a HAM radio operator with the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club of Warsaw and the Plymouth American

Radio League. He also volunteered at AERS/RACES. He worked with the Northern Indiana Research and Recovery Club as a Sky Warn weather spotter, tracking tornadoes and assessing damages they caused. Mike was the first to create a Dark Sky preserve in Indiana and was a member of the Warsaw Astronomy Club. He was also incredibly involved with Boy Scouting and is

the current Scout Master of the Plymouth Pack 251. He has had an enormous impact on the lives of many scouts. He also helped his children and many others with 4H projects. He enjoyed many outings such as ghost hunting and camping as well. Mike did so much and was above all, a man of God, loved Jesus, and attended the Pleasant View Bible Church in Warsaw, Indiana. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, daughter Zoe Stephens, and son Wyatt Stephan, along with brothers Joe (wife Kathy) Stephan of Lagro, Indiana, and Mark Stephan of Austin, Texas. His parents, David and Mary Stephan of Andrews, Indiana, survive as well, along with his paternal grandmother, Zelma Bitzer of Lagro, Indiana. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Lester Stephan, maternal

grandparents Charles and Lucille Mills, Sr., and paternal step-grandfather George Bitzer. He was and still is, loved by his family and many friends. Due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be graveside services only. The family will hold a celebration of Michael's life at a later date to be determined after restrictions are lifted. Burial will be held at St. Paul's County Line Cemetery in Andrews, Indiana, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9. Instead of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to Potawatomi Wildlife Park "Michael Stephan Memorial." Donation boxes for the park or to help the family will be located at the burial service. Deaton Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements.

Mary Lou Carpenter, 86, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:47 p.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born Sept. 17, 1933 in Shoals, Indiana to Glenn and Hazel (Stackhouse) Allegree. Mary Lou was a 1951 graduate of Linlawn High School. She married Jack Carpenter in Wabash on May 27, 1966; he died Jan. 9, 1998. She worked as a supervisor at US Gypsum in Wabash, retiring in 1996, and also worked eight years at the Veterans Service Office in Wabash. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, and also the Wabash VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries. She enjoyed reading, traveling, and working puzzles. She is survived by three children, Gary (Margaret) Eltzroth of Evansville, Indiana, Jane (Dave) Wagner of Wabash, and Kathy (Gene) Hunter of

Mary Lou Carpenter

Sept. 17, 1933 – May 6, 2020



Dalzell, South Carolina, six grandchildren, Noah (Jennifer) Eltzroth of Louisville, Kentucky, Gabe Eltzroth of New Albany, Indiana, Mary (Joseph) McKenzie and Jo (Will) Guthrie, both of Wabash, Amber Hunter of Sumter, South Carolina, and Aaron Hunter of Dalzell, South Carolina, and five great-grandchildren, Mason Hunter of Sumter, South Carolina, Ellen McKenzie, Brayden McKenzie, Caden Guthrie, and Lyla Guthrie, all of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Joe Michael Eltzroth, brother, Larry Allegree, and her sister, Billie Ann Munson. All arrangements are private. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. The memorial guest book for Mary Lou may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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areas restricted to 25 percent capacity. Restaurants and bars that serve food may open starting Monday, May 11 at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating will remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors also may open Monday, May 11 by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Starting Friday, May 8, for all of the state's counties, indoor worship services may also convene, following specific social distancing guidelines — while those 65 and older and those at elevated risk will be asked to stay home. For more information, visit [BackOnTrack.in.gov](https://backontrack.in.gov).

Second Harvest announces Tailgate Food Distribution event for Friday

Second Harvest Food Bank has announced a Tailgate Food Distribution event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 8 at Living Well in Wabash, 239 Bond St. No IDs, proof of address or need are required, and all are welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. Attendees should only go through the line one time. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org.

ISDH offering drive-thru testing clinics this week across the state

All testing sites will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday, May 9. Locations include Jefferson High School, 1801 S. 18th St., Lafayette; First Baptist Church, 709 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle; Plymouth High School, #1 Big Red Drive, Plymouth; and Seymour High School, 1350 W. Second St., Seymour.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 13

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Farmers market season set to begin May 16

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk's Parking Lot. The

market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by May 21

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at www.IndianaVoters.com. Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Registered voters who feel comfortable being in public, may vote in person. However, any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning Tuesday, May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be O J Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply

for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NELMurfestival.com and are open through the end of May.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/events, email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event's Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

Dia De Lagro rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns

Dia De Lagro, which was originally set for Tuesday, May 5,

has been rescheduled to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Comedian and Wabash County celebrity, Michael Palascak, is set to bring laughter to Lagro as the headliner of the event, which will benefit the revitalization of downtown Lagro. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com. Those interested in donating prizes for the silent auction or would like to become a main sponsor may email lagrocanalfoundation@gmail.com. For more information, email aeads4725@gmail.com or call 260-571-2428.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)I/MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

■ Access Youth Center: All

scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.

■ BMV: Closed until further notice. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.

■ Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email patty@cfwabash.org or julie@cfwabash.org, or call 260-982-4824.

■ Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at www.fssabenefits.in.gov. DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.

■ Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.

■ Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gardens are suspended until further notice.

■ Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.

■ Wabash Circuit and Superior Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaineditor.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

WATER

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increase its water rates. Of that amount, approximately \$79 million was invested at three Indiana American Water treatment facilities to, among other things, add ultraviolet disinfection to the existing treatment process, adding an extra layer of protection against chlorine-resistant microbes, viruses and pathogens that may be present in surface water sources.

"The investments, which have all been placed in service, help maintain and enhance service, water quality, system reliability and capacity, and fire protection capabilities for customers while keeping the cost of water service for most households their most affordable utility bill at about a penny per gallon," stated Loughmiller.

Major projects that have been completed and were included in current rates include:

■ Significant system upgrades at three water treatment facilities located in Kokomo, Richmond and Muncie to meet more stringent water quality regulations associated with the Environmental Protection Agency's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. These projects include replacing and upgrading aging and obsolete treatment facilities and equipment and adding ultraviolet disinfection to the existing treatment process.

■ Building a new water treatment facility in Noblesville, one of the company's fastest-growing service areas.

■ Converting nine facilities from chlorine gas to liquid sodium hypochlorite disinfection systems to improve safety.

■ Replacing or upgrading more than a dozen wells, several pumping stations, water filters, large diameter water mains, and other critical facilities serving customers in service areas throughout the state.

■ Replacing and/or retiring from service more than 13,000 lead service lines.

■ Building a solar energy project in Newburgh that generates enough electricity to power the company's water treatment facilities there.

"In addition to these major projects, Indiana American Water replaced nearly 120 miles of aging water mains," stated Loughmiller. For more information, visit <https://amwater.com/inaw/customer-service-billing/your-water-rates>.

Opinion

SPEAK UP

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
James 4:7

Coronavirus task force gets its ‘Mission Accomplished’ moment

On Tuesday, as the number of reported deaths from COVID-19 in the United States topped 70,000, the Trump administration declared “mission accomplished” for Phase 1 of its fight against the coronavirus. Specifically, President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence announced that the coronavirus task force, which Mr. Pence oversees, had been so successful in getting the pandemic under control that the group would most likely disband within the month, to be replaced by a new panel focused on getting America back to work.

“We will have something in a different form,” Mr. Trump explained during his tour of a mask manufacturing plant in Phoenix, at which he did not wear a mask despite signs requesting that one be worn “at all times.” He said that America had moved on to “the next stage of the battle” and that “now we are reopening our country.”

“It really is all a reflection of the tremendous progress we’ve made as a country,” Mr. Pence told reporters at the White House.

By Wednesday morning, Mr. Trump had changed the contours, though not the essence, of his plan. In a tweet thread, he said the coronavirus task force would, in fact, “continue on indefinitely” but shift its efforts – and most likely

some of its members – to “focus on SAFETY & OPENING UP OUR COUNTRY AGAIN.” He closed with, “The Task Force will also be very focused on Vaccines & Therapeutics. Thank you!”

Whether dissolved or repurposed, the White House Task Force focused on coordinating the administration’s public-health response to the pandemic is soon to be no more. To which we can only say: No big loss.

In theory, bringing together a collection of experts to oversee a coordinated federal response to a national emergency makes perfect sense. In practice, the first phase of Mr. Trump’s coronavirus task force was its own form of disaster.

For starters, the president made clear early on that he wasn’t interested in marshaling a coordinated response. Time and again, he ducked responsibility, pushing it off on the governors. On challenges ranging from acquiring critical medical supplies to coordinating and expanding testing (which remains a problem) to managing social-distancing restrictions, the task force has provided consistently uneven guidance and insufficient assistance.

Mr. Trump often has undermined the recommendations it has made. Whether pushing dangerous treatments of unproven efficacy or urging his supporters to

protest the basic social distancing guidelines put forward by the task force, the president has repeatedly scrambled the public-health message.

Complicating matters, multiple factions within the task force emerged with their own plans and priorities. These include a group of health officials overseen by the head of the White House Domestic Policy Council; a smaller group of medical doctors focused strictly on health matters; and yet another shadow task force led by Jared Kushner, the president’s son-in-law.

It’s little wonder the task force’s communication often has obscured more than it has clarified.

The public manifestation of the task force has been a series of rambling briefings, at which assembled experts from in and outside government have wound up as little more than political props. The briefings often have descended into a blend of therapy sessions and campaign rallies, with the president spending hours each week airing his many grievances, praising himself, parading out business executives and public officials to laud his leadership and spreading misinformation about the virus and the administration’s handling of it.

A version of this editorial was published in The New York Times.

Biden should campaign on the theme: ‘Is this really the best we can do?’

In speeches during the 1960 presidential campaign, John Kennedy addressed Americans’ anxiety about national lassitude at the end of eight years under Dwight Eisenhower by mildly saying: “I believe we can do better.” Joe Biden, responding to national embarrassment about the least presidential president, can campaign on a modest theme: “Is this really the best we can do?”

George Will



This question answers itself, particularly concerning foreign policy. Fortunately for Biden, events and his opponent are making this central to the 2020 election.

It is axiomatic that Americans’ preference regarding foreign policy is to have as little of it as possible. Hence most of this cycle’s Democratic presidential aspirants avoided reminding people that the world is a dangerous place. However, in the Feb. 25 debate in Charleston, South Carolina, Biden called China’s President Xi Jinping “a thug”: “This is a guy who doesn’t have a democratic-with-a-small-‘d’ bone in his body.”

Economist John Maynard Keynes supposedly said, “When the facts change, I change my mind.” Biden, citing new facts, including aggression against Hong Kong’s freedom and “a million Uighurs” in “concentration camps,” has jettisoned his 2016 talk of his “enhanced cooperation” with Xi. In 34 of Biden’s 36 Senate years, he was on the Foreign Relations Committee, which he chaired for four years. Donald Trump’s foreign policy judgments have ranged from the contemptible (siding with Vladimir Putin at Helsinki in 2018 against U.S. intelligence officials regarding Russian interference in the 2016 election) to the preposterous (“There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea”) to the weird (he and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un “fell in love” after exchanging “beautiful letters”).

Trump now wants to make relations with China central to this campaign. His rhetorical skills – probably honed where they evidently peaked, on grammar school playgrounds – are emulated by his campaign in references to “Beijing Biden.” Biden can, however, turn China to his advantage by showing Trump what a policy of national strength would look like.

Biden served in the Senate for a decade with Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., a liberal Cold Warrior who helped to make the Soviet Union’s human-rights abuses costly to the regime. Today, Biden should speak forcefully against China’s arrests of Martin Lee, 81, Jimmy Lai, 71, Margaret Ng, 72, and other leaders of Hong Kong’s democracy movement.

Biden can practice what he preaches about bipartisanship by associating himself with Arkansas Republican Sen. Tom Cotton’s measured but insistent support for the investigation of the possible role of a Wuhan research laboratory in the coronavirus outbreak. And with former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley’s call to require U.S. universities to disclose China’s funding of their professors and research. Cotton questions the visas for Chinese to pursue postgraduate studies here in advanced science and technology fields: If Chinese students want to study “Shakespeare and the Federalist Papers, that’s what they need to learn from America. They don’t need to learn quantum computing and artificial intelligence from America.”

In February, a senior adviser for the World Health Organization’s director-general praised China’s “bold approach” that “changed the course” of the epidemic. Indeed China did: Its first approach was to deny that there is human-to-human transmission. Biden should say that continued U.S. participation in this organization will be contingent upon its granting Taiwan membership. Biden should also promise to discuss Taiwan’s exemplary response to COVID-19 with Tsai Ing-wen in the Oval Office. She would be the first Taiwanese president welcomed in the United States since the 1979 “normalization” of relations with China.

By taking such steps, Biden can reconnect his party with its luminous post-1945 achievement. In that golden moment in the history of this nation’s engagement with the world, the talents of Dean Acheson, George Marshall, George Kennan, Averell Harriman, Robert Lovett, Charles Bohlen, John McCloy and others created the structures of free trade and collective military security that produced the related phenomena of global enrichment and Soviet collapse.

The winners of the past seven presidential elections (1992-2016) have averaged 330 electoral votes. If today’s state-by-state polls are correct, and if the election were held today, Biden would win 333 electoral votes: 227 from Hillary Clinton’s states plus those from Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Florida, Arizona and North Carolina.

More than any particular policy outcome, Americans want a sense that their nation can regain the spring in its step, and can adopt a robust realism regarding the Leninist party-state that is its principal adversary. The first step toward a jauntier, safer America is to make the election a referendum on the right question: “Is this really the best we can do?”

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Hobbits, wardrobes, wars

B Y ERIC SCHANSBERG

If you’re into C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, or the impact of the World Wars on society, religion and culture, I’d recommend Joe Loconte’s book, “A Hobbit, A Wardrobe and a Great War.” Loconte describes Lewis’ faith journey in detail. Well before “Chronicles of Narnia,” he embraced atheism after being raised in the Anglican church with its “ugly architecture, ugly music and bad poetry” and sermons that seemed “vapid and irrelevant.” Lewis’ conversion to Christianity had many catalysts – in particular, a trio of close friends: Laurence Johnson, Owen Barfield and Tolkien.

For Tolkien and Lewis, their chief debate was about the nature of myths. Lewis believed they were man’s effort to understand the world; Tolkien saw them emanating from God to convey something true about the world. Eventually, Lewis was persuaded that the Dying God had entered history, lived a life, gave his life and conquered death – the True Myth – leading to Lewis’ step from one faith to another.

Loconte also discusses the importance of friendship more broadly. Beyond iron sharpening iron, they advanced each others’ professional pursuits. Tolkien helped Lewis secure an academic position and find a publisher for his science fiction. Lewis was essential to Tolkien persevering to publish “Lord of the Rings” and even nominated him for the Nobel Prize in Literature. “It is hard to think of a more consequential friendship in the 20th century.”

Given their wartime experience, their depictions of war were realistic. Tolkien began writing in camps and hospitals during the war. His description of the “Dead Marshes” matches the descrip-

tion of soldiers in the Somme Offensive. The hobbits seem to be modeled after ordinary soldiers, at least in their innocent pre-war days. Like the soldiers, the hobbits could not “perceive how the fate of nations depended on their stubborn devotion to duty.”

War provided much of the “raw material” for Lewis and Tolkien. Their overarching themes are “embedded in a narrative of brutal, physical warfare.” (Lewis is gentler, given that his primary audience is children – but still stark enough.) Yet their work cannot be seen as cavalier acceptance of either pacifism or warmongering. Their characters often exhibit courage, honor and nobility. But as ex-soldiers, Lewis and Tolkien did not – they could not – glamorize combat.

Loconte echoes numbers similar to what one reads in Adam Hochschild’s excellent book, “To End All Wars.” Millions of soldiers dead and wounded. Innumerable civilian deaths from starvation and disease. And the Armenian massacre by the Ottoman Turks – the first large-scale example of genocide in the 20th Century.

Not surprisingly, “Progressivism” is woven throughout Loconte’s account – with its immense confidence in human progress. The worldview was at its high-water mark coming into the war – as both men were coming of age. Disillusionment – and recovery from some of its errors – marks the period after the war, when both men began to write in earnest. Their literary work is noteworthy for running so strongly counter to the cynicism of the age.

The Church wasn’t always helpful either. The lines between Church and State were blurred during WWI in a combination of nationalism, civil religion and holy war. “Cross and Crown

must be kept together.” Subsets of Christianity had also added the “social gospel” of human advancement. Amazingly, this included a penchant for eugenics, which Lewis and Tolkien critiqued implicitly in their narratives. (Did you know that Indiana was the first state to pass a eugenics law in 1907?) Of course, for believers, all of this is troubling and reminiscent of the Two Beasts – the State and False Religion – in Revelation 13.

The Progressives fostered optimism that the days of the great (religious) wars were over. Still, much of the post-war blame was put instead on liberal democracy, Christianity and Western Civilization. What didn’t get enough attention: Those in power can easily have or develop values that are inconsistent with human dignity and worth. Of crusaders, “however noble the motives may be, they easily become twisted by the thought of glory and the taste of power.”

As Loconte notes, “the major disillusionment of the 20th century has been over political good intentions.” This has led to interventions ranging from ineffective economic “stimulus” to gulags and killing fields. But good intentions cannot – well, should not – satisfy for long. Both Lewis and Tolkien call people to something beyond intent – toward lives of purposeful decisions, robust fellowship, heroic self-sacrifice toward higher ends and working toward freedom and dignity for all. May we follow in their footsteps – within the magical worlds we inhabit and the mythical dramas we enact.

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Altering wife’s perfect dishes is blasted by sympathetic cook

DEAR ABBY: Regarding “Recipe for Disaster in Texas” (Feb. 17), I have to say I disagreed with your response. Although Michelin won’t be awarding me any stars, I consider myself a good cook, and I strive to make unique, flavorful meals for my family. My husband frequently feels the need to doctor my recipes, and I think it’s disrespectful of the time and care I took in preparing the meal.

He insists on combining ingredients that don’t belong together. He puts cheddar cheese on spaghetti Bolognese and ranch dressing on chicken teriyaki. He knows this isn’t appropriate, and he would never ask for this modification in a restaurant.

“Recipe” should learn to appreciate that his wife is preparing meals for him. If he can do better, he can take over the cooking. — Flavor Queen Of North Carolina

DEAR QUEEN: I enjoyed the responses to that letter about a husband reseasoning his wife’s gourmet meals to her distinct displeasure. Some of the online comments made me chuckle, so I’ll share them, too. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: While I was in the military, it was normal to add salt, pepper and ketchup to everything without tasting it first. The habit has followed me for 50 years, no matter where I am. I tell the host that it’s normal for me and to not take it personally. Mac ‘n’ cheese needs ketchup; veggies, potatoes, eggs and watermelon need salt; most everything else needs pepper. For me to taste something, it has to burn my tongue. — Vietnam Vet In Missouri

DEAR ABBY: That wife sounds like an oversensitive control freak. Personally, I can’t handle peppers, but I do like lots of cheese and sour cream on my enchiladas. My wife, who does the majority of the cooking, knows my preference, so she does me the honor of putting more of that on my enchiladas. I also like to dip my fries into mayo instead of ketchup, so she obliges. This is what we do for people we love. We don’t threaten, “My way or the highway, Bub!” — G.s. In Abbyland

DEAR ABBY: I laughed when I was told to substitute “healthy” plain yogurt for sour cream. It never tasted anything like sour cream to me. Then I got some Greek yogurt and realized it works just as well. (It’s an excellent protein source, and many older adults need more as we age.) Now I add plenty without feeling guilty. — On-line Lover

DEAR ABBY: My husband jokes that he has Mexican taste buds but a white guy stomach. Thank heavens we have separate bathrooms. — C.k. On The Net

DEAR ABBY: I know when my husband gets out the Tabasco that the meal is not quite to his liking. I don’t usually mind, because I don’t cook just for him. I cook for the entire family. (And, just for reference, he thinks I’m an amazing cook.) — P.m. On The Web

DEAR ABBY: Oh, yes — Tabasco sauce. My dad had so much of it in his lifetime, he should have been McIlhenry’s pitchman. I can see the ad now:

Announcer: What do YOU have Tabasco with?
Man: I have it with chili!
Woman: I have it with eggs!
My dad: I have it with a straw.
— “Abbdict” A.c.
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLING KNELT HIATUS SCENIC

Answer: Campers at the remote campground were able to build a campfire — IN THE STICKS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

The chapel of Saint Michel d'Aiguilhe is amazing! I've never seen anything like it.

It says here that pilgrims and tourists come from all over the world to see the chapel.

WHEN THE CHURCH AT THE SUMMIT WAS VOTED "FOURTH BEST MONUMENT" IN FRANCE, IT WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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“Know what, Mommy? This dress makes me look ten years younger.”

BEETLE BAILEY

YOU GOT A LETTER?

FROM MY GIRL BACK HOME

WHY DOESN'T SHE JUST EMAIL?

SHE CAN'T PUT PERFUME ON IT

BLONDIE

MY MOM WANTS TO SEND ME TO CAMP THIS SUMMER

WHAT ABOUT YOUR DAD?

SHE WANTS HIM TO GO TOO!

HI & LOIS

IT'S LIKE AN AIRBNB.

WHAT?

MR. THURSTON IS PAYING ME \$10 A NIGHT TO SLEEP IN MY TENT.

IRMA PROBABLY THREW HIM OUT OF THE HOUSE.

BC

NEVER DO THE BACKSTROKE AT HIGH TIDE.

WIZARD OF ID

SIZZLE

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FOOM

FORGET YOUR CLUBS AGAIN?

DILBERT

ACCORDING TO OUR NEWEST DATA, 100% OF THE PEOPLE WHO UPGRADED TO VERSION 2.0 OF OUR SOFTWARE DIED THE SAME DAY.

100%

BUT WE DON'T THINK IT MEANS ANYTHING BECAUSE ALL OF THEM HAD UNDERLYING HEALTH ISSUES.

HOW DID THEY ALL HAVE UNDERLYING HEALTH ISSUES?

VERSION 1.0 HAD SOME ROUGH EDGES, TOO.

GARFIELD

THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS IS LEARNING TO LAUGH

AT YOURSELF?

NO, AT OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY FALL DOWN AND SPILL STUFF AND ROLL ALL AROUND, AND...

FORT KNOX

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY POGGEBALL, WESLEY?

I WAS BORN READY, COACH!

WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE!!

I'M GOING TO BE FINE! I JUST NEED TO...

GET A STRETCHER!!

BOOM!!

MEDIC!! MEDIC!!

PICKLES

ROSCOE? YOU'RE IN MY CHAIR!

JUST IGNORE HIM.

I CAN'T IGNORE HIM. HE'S SITTING IN MY CHAIR.

I WAS TALKING TO ROSCOE.

Let God help you make important decisions

Q: I am struggling with where to go to college. I have been fortunate to receive a scholarship but I am having difficulty as to whether that should be my only guideline. I want to be in a safe environment but at the same time I want to broaden my horizons. What are the key things to look for when there are so many things to consider? — C.B.

A: Choices are often difficult to make. Some young people feel they should go to a secular college in order to have opportunities to witness for the Lord. In many cases, however, others feel the need to receive Biblical training and have a strong Christian support group. Regardless, it is important to attend a fully accredited school.

Research is a good place to start. Talk to others who have already been through this process. Talk to friends who have had experiences in both settings. Talk with family members and people at church, perhaps even school counselors and teachers, and share with them your thoughts, your apprehensions, and your goals.

The most important thing is to commit decisions to the Lord. He has a plan and purpose for our lives and it pleases Him when we take our cares to Him and ask

Him to direct our decisions. Once God leads you to make a decision, and you know you've sincerely opened your heart to Him, do not draw back. Trust His leading, and believe He goes before you — because He does.

The most important decision you will ever make is the decision to follow Jesus Christ. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“MEEZJDF UIBZ, SL SLVL RKL
MPBZJLGR CLECLM JD RKL SEVMY,
RKLVL SIG DE BKEJBL UPR RE UL
CJEDLLVG.” — “SJRBK” HIFVILR
KIHJMRED

Previous Solution: “A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others.” — Frank Morgan (L. Frank Baum)
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Worship

VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORTS

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ
Online services only at www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christian Heritage Church
Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church
Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Dora Christian Church
Dora Christian Church services will be held on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist
Streaming services on their Facebook page.

First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church will be streaming the Sunday morning worship service for the next few weeks at 10 a.m. through Facebook at facebook.com/wabashfirstumc.

LaFontaine Christian Church
The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church
Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Living Faith Lutheran Church
Online services only at www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren
Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net.

Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile (peace poll in front of the white flowering bush).

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church
Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church
The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting [NMMC1.com](https://www.nmmc1.com).

Olive Branch Church of God
The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church
No services until travel restrictions are lifted.

Roann United Methodist Church
Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service for Sunday, May 10 on the church's Facebook page at 9 a.m. The sermon is from Matthew 5:6-12 titled "Action of Blessedness"

St. Bernard Catholic Church
The 9:30 a.m. service will be streaming on Facebook.

Southside Free Will Baptist
Streaming on their Facebook Page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God
Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish
Reverend Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren
At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church
Streaming both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene
Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Walk By Faith Community Church
Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash
Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

A tribute to mom

By RICK BORGMAN
Pastor, Lagro United Methodist Church

"The Man, known as Adam, named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living." Genesis 3:20 (TMSG)

Mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some are tall; some are rather short, like my mom, who we describe as "vertically challenged." Whether short or tall, the common characteristic of a mom is her heart.

Yes, I know some have turned their "mom heart" off. For others, it has been damaged by life through choices, some of their making. Every mom gets her heart from Eve, "the mother of all living." But where did Eve, who had no mother, get her training to be a mom and learn how to have a "mom heart?"

Eve learned from the highest authority, the One who knows more about love than we could possibly ever know. Eve learned from her Creator, God.

Let's take a brief glimpse of some moms I have encountered in my life. My first choice is, of course, my mom. Mom and dad got married when they were just 18 years old, and just before they achieved the ripe old age of 20, I was born.

I was the first child my mom gave birth to, but I was not the first one she mothered. Mom was only eight when her mom died. She was the oldest of six kids. She became the de-facto, Mom. She had help from relatives, but she would not get a stepmother until she was fifteen (it was a tall order to step into a family of six kids!)

I still have my mom, she will turn 80 later this year. Her heart is still a mother's heart. My mom still gives the greatest hugs a kid would ever want. (Yes, my wife gives great hugs too, but that's a different story!)

In my lifetime, I have been privileged to know many mothers, and have picked up a few more church moms along the way. No matter how young or old, they are concerned for their children's welfare, both physically and spiritually.

One of these moms, who lived to be 103, was deeply pained at the passing of two her children. Another older mom was troubled by the death of an unborn child, some 50 years earlier. When she was young, she had fallen, resulting in the loss of her baby. She was hospitalized when her little one was laid to rest. The good news for each of these mothers is they are now reunited with their children.

My mom has been waiting for over 72 years to be reunited with her mother. Some of you are waiting for your reunion. Praise the Lord for the HOPE, the HOPE of the Resurrection.

There's only one place more special than home, it's called Heaven.

There's only one meal more pleasing than Mom's meatloaf and mashed potatoes, it's the Marriage Supper of the Lamb! I don't know what's on the menu, but I guarantee it will be Divine!

There's only one love more special than Mom's love, it's the love God has for each one of us. God's love is reflected in the love of and for our moms.

Before eating at mom's table, were you ever asked, "Did you wash your hands?"

Before eating at the Lord's Table, we will have to answer the question, "Are you washed in the Blood of the Lamb?"

Thank you, moms, for loving us. Thank you, Lord, for the love you instilled in Mom and for your love that gave Your Son for us.

Happy Mother's Day!
Rick Borgman is the pastor of Lagro United Methodist Church.

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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Saturday Mass 5:30pm. Sunday Masses 9:30am. Tues. & Thurs. 9am; 8:15am during school year. Weekday Masses: Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs., 9am. Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:15-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment (260) 563-4750. "NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - services streaming on Facebook"

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUJ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. No Services at Church. Live broadcast Sunday Morning at 8:30am 95.9 KISS FM

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Interim, Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church, Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13, Wabash. Traditional Worship, 8:30am. Contemporary Worship, 10:45am. Sunday School, 9:30am. Currently only doing virtual services on Sunday morning at 10am until June 14th. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfriendschurch/>

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Solomon David, Lead Minister; Michael Eaton, Worship Minister; Ken Goble, Senior Adults Minister; Taylor McSarland, Women's Director; David Diener, Student Minister; Tyler Leland, Children's Minister; Nate Tlyer, Youth & Outreach Minister; Ryan Keim, Next Step Minister; Janet Legesse, Early Childhood Director. NOW OFFERING 2 SERVICE TIMES. Adult Bible Fellowship & Worship, 9:15am, 10:45am. ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S Huntington St. Wabash IN. Pastor Tom Curry. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 am with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship and a time of fellowship after each service. Wednesday evenings include soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by an informal service at 7:00 pm. [www. LivingFaithWabash.org](http://www.LivingFaithWabash.org) ONLINE SERVICES ONLY

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 110 N Cass Street. Senior Pastor Nathan Whybrew, Pastor of Visitation Rev. John Cook. Youth Pastor Nick Smith. Director of Children's Ministry Angel Hostetler. (260) 563-3108. Sunday Schedule: 8 & 10am Worship Service. 9am Teen & Adult Sunday School & Children's faith learning. 10:15am Sunday School for Pre-School thru 5th Grade following Children's Message (except for 1st Sunday each month). First Friends Early Learning Ministry: age 4 weeks thru 12 years 6am to 6pm weekdays. Carolyn Satterfield, Director. Wesley Academy Pre-School: age 3 through Pre-K. Susan Vanlandingham, Director. Service streaming on our Facebook page.

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages. "NO SERVICES UNTIL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED"

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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| Daily Bible Reading | | | | | | |
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| Hebrews 8:1-13 | Hebrews 9:1-22 | Hebrews 9:23-10:18 | Hebrews 10:19-39 | Hebrews 11:1-22 | Hebrews 11:23-40 | Hebrews 12:1-11 |
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